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## INTRODUCTION

There are many different systems of ambulance services in Europe today.

Therefore there is no integrated level of training for the paramedical specialist staff. Most levels of training of these staff members in countries with an emergency doctors system are bad or insufficient. By comparison, the level of training with paramedic-systems is good or excellent.

### METHODS

As a member of a European team whose aim is to exchange information on training systems, we did some lectures on the subject of ambulance services during several conferences in Europe. As part of these conferences and by telephone communication, trainers and members of professional associations have been questioned about the training. Furthermore, ambulance trainings have been evaluated and analysed during licencing processes. In addition, we collaborate in the development of special lessons for ambulance staff in several European countries.

### RESULTS

The professional outlines of the different countries have developed rapidly in the last years. But the extent of trainings is not always adapted to the requirements. This will often obstruct the possibilities in developing the special professions. In countries with high figures of voluntary helpers in public ambulance service, the training level often is low.

### CONCLUSION

In Europe, there is no integrated regulation of emergency medical support by paramedical specialist staff. External influence are determining the development of training levels as well of skills. This shows consequences for European licencing processes and will make the realisation of European guidelines to mutual acceptance of diplomas more difficult.

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